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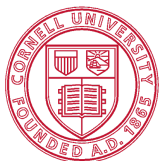
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Minutes of the October 15th, 2018 Meeting

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

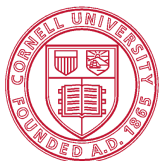
Bache Auditorium, Malott Hall

- I. Call to Order
 - a. E. Winarto called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
 - b. Members Present: K. Angierski, D. Arora, A. Barrientos-Gomez, A. Cohn, D. Geisler, R. Harrison, M. Jodlowski, M. Kalaji, J. Kent-Dobias, K. Krishnan, E. Lavin, N. London, C. Mittan, K. Palumbo, C. Pratt, A. Belen Ruival, W. Zhang, E. Winarto.
 - c. Members Absent: A. Viaruel, J. Bogdanowicz, N. Carre.
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the September 24th meeting.
 - i. M. Kalaji motioned to approve the minutes, there was no dissent. The minutes were **approved** by unanimous consent.
- III. Presentations
 - a. Don Sevey and Tom Horton then made their presentation on Two-Factor Authentication for Student Center and Student Essentials.
 - i. T. Horton: on Nov. 26th, Student Center and Student Essentials will require two-step login. To login you will need something you know (your NetID and password) and something you have (your phone).
 - ii. D. Geisler asked if two-step is required every time we login?
 1. T. Horton: there's a remember me option for 24 hours, but it only lasts for 24 hours.
 - iii. J. Kent-Dobias asked if there are any plans to open it up for other authenticators?
 1. T. Horton: not now, you can use texts or a call option.
 - iv. N. Rogers asked how do we get errors resolved?
 1. T. Horton: there is a link at the end of the presentation to the IT Service Desk.
 - v. R. Harrison: course enrollment is a really stressful process because Student Center is often impossible to login to, how will this affect that?



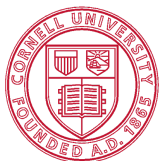
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1. T. Horton: Duo is one of the industry leaders, if there is high usage it should be able to handle it.
- vi. T. Horton: Cornell is switching to this because one factor is not enough. We need to protect this data from unauthorized access.
- vii. T. Horton: You can also use a U2F Token. They are available online, and cost between \$9-20. They only work on Chrome, and you push a button on it for authentication. You could also get a hardware token which are available at the Cornell Store for \$25, and you can use that with any browser (it uses a 6 digit code).
- viii. Where to get support:
 1. Two-Step website: twostep.netid.cornell.edu
 2. Cornell IT Service Desk: it.cornell.edu/support
 3. Cornell IT Service Desk email queue itservicedesk@cornell.edu
 - a. Phone: 607-255-5500
- ix. M. Battaglia asked if you already opted into two-factor does anything change?
 1. T. Horton: No.
- x. K. Palumbo asked for clarification that just Student Center and Student Essentials are required to use this? But if you opted into two-step then that includes everything?
 1. T. Horton: yes.
- xi. D. Geisler asked why are we using two-factor on phones, and not say email?
 1. T. Horton: email verification is not really two-step, SMS does not work well either. We bought Duo's product.
- xii. E. Lavin: we only register for classes once or twice a year. A lot of students find it difficult to use Student Center anyway. Are there going to be any instructions sent out about this to make it easier to use especially when it's time to register? **Audio cuts out**
 1. T. Horton: That's good feedback, we'll take that back with us. The more we can do to educate that it's coming the less of a surprise it will be.
- xiii. D. Geisler: will there be a subsidy for affording this hardware for students who can't?



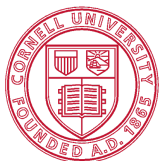
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1. T. Horton: We are working with the registrar to do this. Reach out to the Registrar if you're having this problem.
- b. Alexa Cohn then made her presentation on the Graduate and Professional Community Initiative (GPCI).
 - i. A. Cohn: The GPCI is a "strategic plan created by the GPSA to identify and address issues related to graduate and professional student life." It is supposed to be rewritten every five years, and to address new issues when rewritten. This is a rewriting year. The administration pays a lot of attention to this.
 - ii. M. Battaglia noted that different career paths are available depending on what degree a student is getting.
 - iii. L. Louis asked for an example of a decision from administrators that was impacted by the GPCI.
 1. A. Cohn: one of the biggest things was the Graduate and Professional Student Center. A sum of one million dollars was allocated to renovate it.
 2. N. Rogers: The Maplewood housing initiative was part of the old GPCI, but a lot of the GPCI concerns smaller stuff.
 3. E. Winarto: the Child Care Grant was a big accomplishment, as well as the English Language Support Office.
 4. J. Allen spoke on the GPCI, but the audio was unclear. [Audio recording restarted]
 5. M. Munasinghe: this is the most exceptional thing the GPSA has done compared to peer institutions. It's the gold standard of long term strategic planning.
 - iv. A. Cohn: this is your chance to make an impact.
 - v. K. Palumbo: what is the required input from voting members?
 1. A. Cohn: it can range from being a chair to participating in area meetings to participating in town halls.
 - vi. K. Palumbo: how are you going to solicit input from the graduate community outside this room?



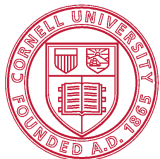
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1. A. Cohn: certain areas will hold town halls. M. Kalaji will be going to the BRB to talk to people there. We'll be talking to relevant administrators.
 - vii. K. Krishnan: please spread the word to people who have comments for the international student section. Contact K. Krishnan with questions.
 - viii. N. Rogers encouraged people to read the old GPCI.
 - ix. A. Loiben: what is the timeline?
 1. A. Cohn: hopefully we will be contacting administrators and holding community fora by the end of the semester. Next semester will be the actual writing of the document.
 - x. D. Geisler: if I want to look up areas, who do I contact, or where should I go?
 1. A. Cohn: I will send an email to the listserv.
- IV. Division Breakout
- V. Committee Q&A
- a. Programming Board distributed co-sponsorship forms.
- VI. Open Forum
- a. M. Munasinghe is trying to get in contact with students living in Maplewood or students who want to live in Maplewood. Please talk to Manisha if you are one or if you know one. She wants to know about their experience with Maplewood. Her email is mam737
 - i. A. Loiben asked why is she gathering this?
 - ii. M. Munasinghe: there is a Board of Trustees meeting at the end of this month, she would like Trustees to talk to Maplewood residents so they have a more robust understanding of the situation.
 - b. C. Pratt: Ana Lucia Alvarez Vijil, a CIPA graduate in '17 was recently detained in Nicaragua and there isn't anything in particular that anyone can do, but she wanted to let the Graduate and Professional community know.
 - i. M. Munasinghe: where can we find CIPA's statement?
 - ii. C. Pratt: on CIPA's facebook page and she can also send it to people. Her email is: cjp258
 - iii. K. Krishnan: if you google it it comes up as well.



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- c. DISC updates: on October 23rd, from noon-1pm, DISC is hosting a community conversation on sexual assault, in Plant Sciences G22, lunch provided. DISC is Co-hosting a town hall with SAC on October 26th at 1:15pm. On November 13th, 4:30-6:30pm, there will be a What's Your Story Dinner with Dean Knuth; graduate students can tell her their stories to her. There will be an rsvp.
 - i. M. Battaglia: can you send that to the listserv so people who aren't here can see it?
- d. M. Munasinghe: the Ivy+ summit will be October 26th-28th. They are still looking for Cornell students to serve as buddies for delegations (still looking for five buddies). Buddies do not have to be voting members.
 - i. K. Krishnan: are you ok with it going beyond the GPSA listserv?
 - 1. N. Rogers: yes.
 - 2. M. Munasinghe: though we prefer GPSA members.
 - 3. D. Geisler asked how much responsibility is there for buddies?
 - a. N. Rogers: it's low tempo, but you need to be available.
 - b. M. Munasinghe: the most critical time is Friday afternoon when people arrive.
- e. E. Winarto: the initial recommendation from the Student Health Benefit Advisory Committee was to increase the health fee by 10%, with no change to the insurance waiver requirements. They would like to meet and talk with students who have opinions or personal experiences with the waiver process/health fee. The Executive Committee might be inviting them into talk to the GPSA.
 - i. M. Battaglia: he is very concerned about this. This wasn't supposed to be raised year after year. If this increase is implemented, the Health Fee will have been raised \$57 in the last four years. He is concerned that this is another way to increase fees on students.
 - ii. K. Palumbo: is this different from student health insurance?
 - 1. Yes. The Health Fee is for students not on the Student Health Plan.
 - iii. N. Rogers asked will this rate increase come back down?
 - 1. E. Winarto: No, after this ten percent increase it will increase at the inflation rate
 - iv. A. Barrientos-Gomez stated they are working on getting them here to talk about it.



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- v. M. Battaglia stated that he thinks it's excellent to have them come talk, and that this needs to be discussed publicly. The Health Fee exists because Cornell doesn't want to participate with people's insurance. He asked if it would be tied to general inflation or health inflation?
 - 1. E. Winarto: They will be able to explain this better. It will be 10% one time, and 3-4% in other years.
- f. M. Battaglia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, there was no dissent. The meeting was adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Ferraro
Clerk of the Assembly